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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1,302 crashes as compared to 1,184 crashes in July of 2006. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities increased by 74%. In actual numbers, there were 12 fatal crashes this year in July and 7 last year. Overall total crashes increased by 10% as compared to July 2006. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a 10.5 % increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last year. Of the 63 commercial crashes investigated this month, 3 resulted in a fatality; 8 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 52 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.8% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1,251 crash reports in July 2007. This resulted in 6,093 crash reports being mailed out, 9 % more than last year during July. There were 987 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 26,868 CAD incidents and 39,989 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had a decrease in overall traffic enforcement of 0.6% in July 2007, as compared to July 2006. This decrease is associated with an increase in crashes, which takes away from proactive enforcement times. Total DUI arrests prior to crashes indicates a drastic decrease of 22% as compared to last year. DUI arrests from crashes additionally had an alarming increase of over 112% as compared to July 2006. The comparison of DUI detection pre and post crash is a critical measurement for us. This change is not acceptable and proactive steps have been taken to ensure this does not continue into or become a trend.

The Commercial Enforcement Section had an overall decrease in all reported categories as compared to last year and the previous month. This is due in most part due to an increase in training days for the squads and an increase in annual leave use.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	July-07		July-06	% Change		June-07	% Change
Total crashes	1302		1184	10.0%		1315	-1.0%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	984		899	9.5%		986	-0.2%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	306		279	9.7%		326	-6.1%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	12		7	71.4%		3	300.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	68		32	112.5%		67	1.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	12		9	33.3%		3	300.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3		2	50.0%		1	200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	2		2	0.0%		0	200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	4		4	0.0%		1	300.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	3		0	300.0%		1	200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	63		57	10.5%		65	-3.1%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	52		41	26.8%		51	2.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	8		15	-46.7%		13	-38.5%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	3		0	300.0%		1	200.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.9 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.2%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 55.6%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.8%
- ✱ Total crashes up 10 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 10.5 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes have increased 71.4 % as compared to last year.

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	July 07		July 06	% Change		June 07	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	68		32	112.5%		67	1.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	164		210	-21.9%		146	12.3%
Other arrests	1008		1026	-1.8%		990	1.8%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	402		462	-13.0%		472	-14.8%
Speed violations	4116		3963	3.9%		3665	12.3%
Hazardous moving violations	2405		2648	-9.2%		2171	10.8%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	619		833	-25.7%		550	12.5%
Total violations [above violations included]	11938		12012	-0.6%		10749	11.1%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	55		83	-33.7%		78	-29.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	262		261	0.4%		280	-6.4%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	708		770	-8.1%		919	-23.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		3	-300.0%		4	-400.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	235		382	-38.5%		382	-38.5%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1491		1936	-23.0%		1981	-24.7%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	108		118	-8.5%		118	-8.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	61		65	-6.2%		55	10.9%
Total school buses inspected	274		347	-21.0%		56	389.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	37		39	-5.1%		9	311.1%
Total trucks weighed	31		88	-64.8%		54	-42.6%
Total overweight citations	29		72	-59.7%		32	-9.4%
Total dyed fuel inspections	708		759	-6.7%		923	-23.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		1	-100.0%		1	-100.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections					3
Safety Violations Citation			4		
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>					2
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"					
Dyed Fuel Inspections			2		
Dyed Fuel Citations			2		

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.158%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 31 years old.
- ✱ 2.33% of the submitted lab tests of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 5.6% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ✱ 2.54% of drivers arrested had 2 prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	July 2007		July 2006	% Change		June 2007	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	445,200		78235	469.1%		525,203	-15.2%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	877,878		788,970	11.3%		1,273,250	-31.1%
CAD Incidents	26,868		26,812	0.2%		26,283	2.2%
Telephone Calls	39,989		31,901	25.4%		36,414	9.8%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	26		92	-71.7%		25	4.0%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	1,251		1,353	-7.9%		1,629	-23.2%
Arrest Reports Processed	361		****	****		376	-4.0%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	23		19	21.1%		42	-45.2%
Vehicle Impound Releases	128		127	0.8%		101	26.7%
Visitors at Counter	987		987	0.0%		697	41.6%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	6,093		5,618	8.5%		6,267	-2.8%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	930		****	****		1,075	-13.5%
Warrants Entered	572		****	****		347	64.8%
Warrants Cleared	364		****	****		468	-22.2%
Warrants Validated	1,387		****	****		606	128.9%
Extradition / Transports	20		****	****		13	53.8%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New Cases Submitted	72		79	-8.9%		73	-1.4%
New Items Submitted	146		146	0.0%		151	-3.3%
Items Disposed	20		11	81.8%		15	33.3%

**EVIDENCE**

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 90.3 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 8.3 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 1.4 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0% of case submissions.

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- 8 Contracts using 180.5 hours, billed in the amount of \$11,782.58

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
1064	11	117	24	11

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
540	349	31	66	41	25

Community service appearances:

- Las Vegas College, Boulder City H.S., Mojave H.S., Cheyenne H.S., Cimarron Memorial H.S., Treem E.S., Silverado H.S., Spring Valley H.S., ITT Tech.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Live A.M. television appearances w/ Seatbelt Convincer
- Seatbelt and Traffic Safety Presentation w/AAA Nevada
- Guest speaker at Safeway Driving Academy
- Guest speaker at Northwest Driving School
- Attorney General's Advisory Coalition on Impaired Driving
- Goshin Coalition – Methamphetamine information
- Special Olympics Tip a Cop at Joe's Crab Shack
- Initial planning of 2007 Great Santa Run w/ Opportunity Village
- Planning of Joining Forces Recognition Banquet
- NHTSA teen aged seat belt planning meeting
- First meeting of Las Vegas traffic Advisory Task Force
- Work with statewide consultant group / expansion of P.A.C.E. Teen program
- Joining Forces quarterly meeting in Reno

## PIO Projects:

1. HEAT Racing.
2. Driver's Edge Program.
3. Child seat check; Safekids and AAA.
4. Delivery of DUI Simulator
5. Use of Seatbelt Simulator.
6. Planning of LV. Craftsman Truck Race